

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S837–S898

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2107–2112, and S. Res. 263. **Page S867**

Measures Passed:

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S895–98**

Coverdell (for Campbell) Amendment No. 2855, to ensure that laws or regulations relating to the payment of prevailing wages that are adopted by Indian tribes are not superseded by certain provisions of Federal law. **Pages S896–97**

Affordable Education Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S847–62**

Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 2854, to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to allow a credit against income tax to elementary and secondary school teachers who provide classroom materials. **Pages S860–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all amendments be relevant to the subject matter of education and/or related to education taxes with the exception of a Wellstone amendment regarding a report on a TANF program. **Page S853**

A further unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote, scheduled for 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, be vitiated. **Page S853**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, February 29, 2000. **Page S898**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Nicholas G. Garaufis, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York vice Charles P. Sifton, retired.

Gerard E. Lynch, of New York, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York vice John E. Sprizzo, retired.

Daniel Marcus, of Maryland, to be Associate Attorney General. **Page S898**

Communications: **Pages S865–67**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S870–71**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S872–92**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S892–95**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:04 p.m., and adjourned at 5:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 29, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S898.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: On Friday, February 25, Subcommittee on Strategic concluded open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security programs, after receiving testimony from Rose E. Gottemoeller, Assistant Secretary for Non-proliferation and National Security, Laura S. H.

Holgate, Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, and Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Gioconda, USAF, Acting Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, all of the Department of Energy; and Adm. Frank L. Bowman, USN, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Ballistic Missile Defense programs, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, and Maj. Gen. Willie B. Nance, Jr., USA, National Missile Defense Program Manager, both of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine national security implications of export controls and related provisions of S. 1712, to provide authority to control exports, after receiving testimony from Senators Enzi and Johnson; and John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, and James Bodner, Principle Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

ANTI-DRUG ASSISTANCE TO COLOMBIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Friday, February 25, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace

Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism concluded hearings on proposed emergency anti-drug assistance to Colombia, after receiving testimony from R. Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Brian E. Sheridan, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; William E. Ledwith, Chief of International Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Jose Miguel Vivanco, Human Rights Watch, and Michael Skol, Skol and Associates, both of Washington, D.C.

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Committee on Governmental Affairs: On Friday, February 25, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine the practices of the day trading industry and its risks to investors, after receiving testimony from Lori A. Richards, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Deborah R. Bortner, Washington State Department of Financial Institutions, Olympia; Barry R. Goldsmith, National Association of Securities Dealers Regulation, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Harvey I. Houtkin, All-Tech Direct, Montvale, New Jersey; Henry D. Fahman, Providential Securities, Fountain Valley, California; and James H. Lee, TRADESCAPE.com Securities, LLC, (Momentum Securities), Houston, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in Session. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29 for morning-hour debates.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

KOSOVO'S DISPLACED AND IMPRISONED

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings to examine the plight of Kosovo's displaced and imprisoned civilians, after receiving testimony from John Menzies, Deputy Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State for Kosovo Implementation, Department of State; Bill Frelick, Director of Policy, United States Committee for Refugees, Susan Blaustein, International Crisis Group, and Ylber Bajraktari, Kosovo Political Analyst, all of Washington, D.C.; His Grace Artemije, Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Prizren and Raska, Gracanica, Kosovo; and Andrzej Mirga, Council of Europe Specialists Group on Roma and Project on Ethnic Relations Romani Advisory Board, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D106)

H.R. 1451, to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Signed February 25, 2000. (P.L. 106-173)

S. 632, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers. Signed February 25, 2000. (P.L. 106-174)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2001 for

the Architect of the Capitol, General Accounting Office, and Office of Compliance, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2001 for Navy and Defense Agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the assistance to producers and the farm economy, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for nuclear non-proliferation, stockpile stewardship, and other energy programs, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget estimate for fiscal year 2001 for the operation of the National Park Service system, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001, focusing on the U.S. Forest Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on competition in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the future of the International Monetary Fund and International Financial Institutions, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending committee business, 12 p.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the AOL/Time Warner merger, 1 p.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Crime to examine internet denial of service attacks and the federal response, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Emergency Supplemental Request for Assistance to Plan Colombia and Related Counter-Narcotics Program, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on the Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and on the National Library of Medicine, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 Maritime Administration authorization request and related matters, 1 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on Navy shipbuilding programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the adequacy of the Fiscal Year 2001 budget request to meet readiness needs, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on U.S./Mexico Counter-narcotics Efforts, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the Results of the Internal Revenue Service's Fiscal Year 1999 Financial Statement Audit, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3312, Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1827, Government Waste Corrections Act of 1999, 6:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, to continue hearings on the National Science Foundation

Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization request, Part II: Education and Human Resources, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on SPA's Proposed New Automated Loan Monitoring Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the FAA's Budget request and funding needs, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year 2001 budget requests, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3313, Long Island South Restoration Act; and H.R. 2957, Lake Pontchartrain Basis Restoration Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 5, Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act of 2000, 4:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on unemployment compensation reform, 1:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing to review last year's repeal of the installment method of accounting for accrual basis taxpayers, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on the NSA, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: Meeting of conferees on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, 10:30 a.m., SC-6, Capitol.

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Crime to examine internet denial of service attacks and the federal response, 2 p.m., 2141, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1134, Affordable Education Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 29

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions (4 Bills):

1. H.R. 1749, Designation of Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;
2. S. 613, Indian Tribal Economic Development and Contract Encouragement Act;
3. H.R. 2484, Lease or transfer of land owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota; and
4. H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act.



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